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|  |   | U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)<br><b>10/562491</b> |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br><b>PCT/DE2004/001419</b>  | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br><b>02-Jul-04</b> | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED<br><b>02-Jul-03</b>                           |
| TITLE OF INVENTION<br><b>PANEL COMPRISING A LOCKING SYSTEM</b>   |   |   |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US<br><b>Hans-Jürgen HANNIG</b>   |   |   |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:  |   |   |
| <p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</p> <p>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ul> </p> <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ul> </p> <p>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ul> </p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</p> |   |   |
| Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:  |   |   |
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| 20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:<br><br>a copy of the International Search Report from the European Patent Office   |              |   |         |   |              |
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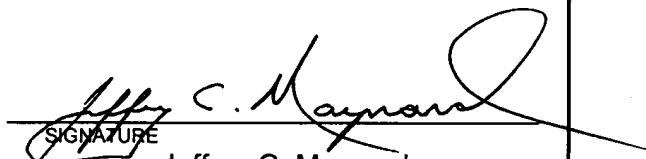
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Application No. PCT/DE2004/001419 of Hans-Jürgen HANNIG  
for his "PANEL COMPRISING A LOCKING SYSTEM";  
Filed: Herewith (December 28, 2005)  
Our Docket No. 009646/0004.9

Honorable Commissioner:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the above-referenced U.S. National Phase Application of PCT International Patent Application No. PCT/DE2004/001419. Enclosed are:

1. Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371 (3 pages).
2. Copy of the Published International Application (25 pages having 6 pages of drawings sheets) and International Search Report (6 pages).
3. Copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report from the European Patent Office (6 pages) plus 4 Annex pages.
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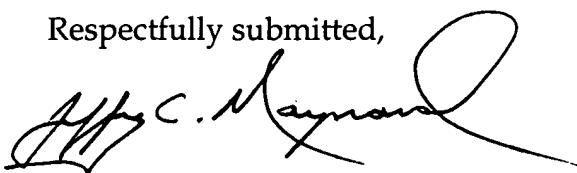
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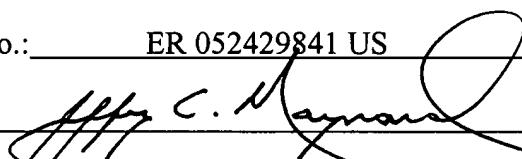
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